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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURE MINISTER ON QRS

1. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONING CONCERNING JAPAN'S OFFER ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS IN MTN, AGRICULTURE/FORESTRY MINISTER ABE WAS QUOTED IN LOCAL PRESS AS STATING THAT GOJ HAS "NO THOUGHT OF ANY FURTHER LIBERALIZATION" OF 22 ITEMS UNDER RESIDUAL IMPORT RESTRICTION. IN APPROACH COORDINATED WITH AGATT, EMBOFF EXPRESSED CONCERN TO FONOFF RE THESE REMARKS AND INQUIRED WHAT INFERENCES WE SHOULD DRAW FOR EITHER MTN OR US-JAPAN BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES.

2. FONOFF OFFICIAL NOGAMI OF FIRST INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION), ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU) STATED IN REPLY THAT MINISTER ABE MAY HAVE BEEN SPEAKING IN HIS PRIVATE CAPACITY AND THAT SUCH VIEWS HAD BEEN PREVALENT IN MAF FOR SOME TIME, BUT ABE'S REMARKS DO NOT REFLECT POSITION OF OTHER MINISTRIES OR GOJ ITSELF. HE NOTED

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THAT JAPAN DEL IN GENEVA WILL BY NOW HAVE PROVIDED

USDEL WITH INFORMATION ON JAPAN'S TROPICAL PRODUCTS
SUBMISSION AND THAT DELEGATIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE
BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN TOUCH CONCERNING QRS.
HE NOTED THAT POLITICAL ACTIVITY IS RISING IN JAPAN AND
SPECULATED THIS MAY BE A FACTOR UNDERLYING ABE'S
REMARKS. A CONTINUING FLOW OF SUCH ITEMS IN THE PRESS
(EMANATING FROM MAF) CAN BE EXPECTED IN COMING
WEEKS. NAGAMI URGED US TO DISCOUNT THEM AND LOOK TO
JAPAN DEL'S PRESENTATION IN GENEVA FOR REAL GOJ
POSITION.
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